

SERVICE SCENE

Weather Prediction Favors the Burkes

By RUTH DEAN

The Hagerstown Almanac was right again and the Arleigh Burkes had wonderful weather for their annual garden party last night.

Petite Mrs. Burke followed the cue of wives of past Chiefs of Naval Operation and picked the date more than a month ago. Two former CNO wives who were there last night with their husbands, Mrs. Robert B. Carney and Mrs. William Fechteler, both agreed they had nary a rain-drop when almanac-wise they planned a party on Admiral's House spacious lawn. "It never fails," said Mrs. Carney, gaily adding that her husband, with a typical sailor approach to more scientific types of weather prediction, "just didn't think it was right" to refer to the almanac.

It Rained

The only time the almanac's predictions failed her, Mrs. Fechteler recalled amusedly, was the day of their daughter Joan's debut. It rained.

Joan was with her parents at last night's party. Now a New York career girl and enjoying her job with a large travel agency, she is here for a week-end visit. She plans a dream vacation later this month — three weeks in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala.

Last night's party drew practically everyone from Washington officialdom and diplomatic row who hasn't yet left the city for vacations elsewhere. And unanimous was the sentiment that after a sweltering day, the breeze-swept lawn was the coolest place in town.

Mrs. Burke, who wore a lavender-flowered chiffon afternoon gown, received with Admiral Burke on the small flagstone terrace leading to the lawn. As they greeted the almost continuous stream of more than 300 guests, a 12-piece ensemble from the Navy Band played lilting melodies from the side porch of Admiral's House.

Chanters' Chorus

Later on, the Sea Chanters, a chorus of young Navy men, gave everyone an unexpected musical treat with a rousing potpourri of such favorites as "We're the Navy," "We're Bound for Rio" and some popular sea chanties.

Several bars dotted the lawn, at one end of which

offered an assortment of delicacies from shrimp and caviar to watermelon balls and smoked turkey and ham.

Among first arrivals were Korean Ambassador and Mme. Yang with the ambassador's sister, Mme. Kim and her husband. The Kims are on their way to Rome, where he plans to set up the first Korean diplomatic mission there. Mr. Kim has just completed 3½ years in Manila as Minister Counselor of the first Korean mission to the Philippine capital.

Plans Wedding

Greeting old friends all around, including Gen. and Mrs. G. B. Erskine, was Mrs. George M. Anderson, wife of Vice Admiral Anderson, who is chief of staff to Admiral Felix Stump, commander-in-chief Pacific. Mrs. Anderson came from Hawaii for a visit with their daughter, Carolyn, not expecting that it would turn into a wedding planning session. So Mrs. Anderson has rented a house, and mother and daughter are hard at work on details for the event which will take place on September 7.

At one point during the party it looked like "general quarters" for all Marine officers, there were so many who arrived with their wives all at once. Dropping by for a few minutes were the Commandant and Mrs. Randolph McC. Pate, who were on their way to Cherry Point for the week end. Others were the director of Women Marines, Col. Julia E. Hamblet, the Assistant Commandant for Air and Mrs. Verne J. McCaul, and the Assistant Commandant and Mrs. Vernon E. Megee, who had with them their daughter, Mrs. Laverne Broad, up from Texas for a visit with the Megee's new granddaughter, Kathleen Laverne.

The Spanish Ambassador and the Countess of Motrico were among the several diplomats who dropped by, including British Ambassador Caccia, the head of the British Joint Services Mission, Sir Michael Denny, and Lady Denny; the Chinese Amba-

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sador and Mme. Tong, the Indian Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Dayal; the Tunisian Ambassador and the Sudanese Ambassador, and Philippine Ambassador and Mrs. Romulo.

Leaving Soon

Lt. Gen. Humberto Delgado, head of the Portuguese mission to NATO, who leaves for home at the end of the month, was also there, along with the Brazilian Naval Attache and Mme. Suzano, and Mme. Tran Van Chuong, wife of the Viet Nam Ambassador.

Others at the party included Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Quarles, Assistant Defense Secretary and Mrs. E. Perkins McGuire, Coast Guard Commandant and Mrs. A. C. Richmond, Army Secretary and Mrs. Wilber Brucker, Deputy CIA Director and Mrs. Charles P. Cabell, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John G. Van Houten, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Albert G. Mumma, new WAVE Director Capt. Winifred R. Quick, and Senator Leverett Saltonstall.

General To Visit

Gen. Wang Shu-ming (called "Tiger Wang"), Chief of the General Staff, Chinese

Armed Forces arrives at MATS Terminal at 4 p.m. tomorrow to be here until Friday. He comes at the invitation of the Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Thomas D. White, jr.

Highlight of the famous General's visit will be the receptions in his honor given by the Chinese Ambassador and Mrs. Tong on Wednesday, and one on Tuesday at Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club, when Gen. and Mrs. White will entertain at dinner followed by a reception.

Gen. Wang will stay at the Sheraton Park Hotel, and tomorrow evening will dine with the Chinese Ambassador and Mrs. Tong. Other parties for him include a luncheon on Monday with Secretary of the Air Force James Henderson Douglas, and dinner in the evening with Deputy Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Donald Quarles.